

Thinking the incident of interest we brought the bird to camp to shew to a friend. On his return from the jungle I asked the Burman who had accompanied me, to produce the bird, which he did. He had removed the mass of gum from the feathers but had it in his hand, and shewed the position it was in when the bird was found. We placed the bird on a tree alongside the hut and he went up it in style, tapping all the way. It did not prove a land of milk and honey, so on reaching near the top he flew off to another tree without any difficulty, where he again promptly commenced operations. It was late in the evening and he was evidently very hungry, as he was most assiduous in the search for food.

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No. XXVII—FOOD OF *PYTHON MOLURUS*.

On my return to camp on the afternoon of the 24th April 1905, a friend who had been up a stream fishing, informed me that the Burmans with him had captured a python measuring over nine feet. On opening the reptile they found a pheasant. My friend asked the Burmans to keep the snake, but on my return all but the head of the snake and the pheasant (which was not quite fresh) was cooked for the evening meal.

The head of the snake showed that it was that of a *Python molurus* and the pheasant was a *Gemnacus Oatesi* (Grant) or *G. lineatus* (Vigors). Both varieties were not uncommon in the jungles near by.

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No. XXVIII.—BREEDING OF THE BANDED KRAIT (*BUNGARUS FASCIATUS*) IN BURMA.

The following note may prove of interest. On the 17th May I received a letter from Mr. J. D. Hamilton, I. F. S., in which he mentioned that on the day previous, while digging up some elephant tusks, he came on a Krait (*Bungarus fasciatus*) with eight eggs and four young. The female had sloughed before going underground and when found was poor in condition.

During the afternoon of the 17th he kindly sent me the female with two hatchlings, also the egg shells of which there were eight in three lots—five in a cluster, two cemented together, and one single.

The 'Krait' though possessing a nice clean skin was distinctly thin. On being touched about the body she promptly flattened herself in an extraordinary manner, and on being irritated hissed, but made no attempt to strike. She shewed no concern whatever about the youngsters, however much they were molested. The snake was very sluggish.

Measurements :—

Length 3' 11½"

Tail 4"